



Barnes Farm Infant School

Newsletter

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9th September 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome Back to the New Term

It has been so wonderful to welcome all back to the new term. The Reception children were brilliant for their first few days at BIG school. Year 1 and 2 children have been settling well into their new classes and routines. I have been very proud to see how well all have coped with the start back to September 2024!




I am very excited about this academic year. We already have much planned for the children and know that there are some exciting learning opportunities both in school and at home to share together. You will be able to track what your child is covering in their class by registering your child's Tapestry account (Year 1 and Year 2 accounts will continue) and by looking on the school's website (year and class pages).

Diary of Events

Next week, we will be sharing the Diary of Event for 2023 – 2024 with you. This will outline the dates for the academic year so that you are aware of what is planned in school in advance. There will be dates such as class assemblies and school events for parents/carers to attend. Please note that dates may change over the academic year as we have planned so far in advance, sometimes, we cannot foresee all possible changes!



Proud to be part of the  CLP



Privacy Notice

For all parents/carers, you can access the school's website for a variety of information, plus you will also find a section about how we use data at BFIS under the tab Key Information> GDPR> Privacy Notices:

www.barnesfarminfants.co.uk

More information will be sent over the following weeks to specific year groups, but the weekly newsletter is a good way of keeping up with general information for all.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Farmer



New Look Reception Classrooms

We are very proud of our new Reception classrooms and have enjoyed welcoming our new children and their families to Barnes Farm. Thank you to all who have helped to make our setting very special.



Office Corner

Please find below letters/ emails sent home this week:

Letters / Emails Sent Home/ Information	Year Group
FROM THE OFFICE TEAM – Letter – regarding the ‘Joining Together of Barnes Farm Infant and Junior Schools	All
FROM THE OFFICE TEAM – Email – Forest Schools	Year 2 Only
FROM THE OFFICE TEAM – Email – PTA Flyer	All

What’s Going on at Barnes Farm Infant School

Forest Schools

We are delighted to announce that our BFIS Forest School sessions will start for Year 2 on Thursday 11th September 2023. Please see the complete year groups timetable below.

The sessions will take place for 4 weeks, with the last session for Year 2 being Thursday 5th October 2023.

Further information will be sent home by email today.

Forest Schools Timetable 2023/24

Sessions - Thursdays	Year Group
11 th Sep 21 st Sep 28 th Sep 5 th Oct	Year 2
12 th Oct 19 th Oct 2 nd Nov 9 th Nov	Year 1
16 th Nov 23 rd Nov 30 th Nov 7 th Dec	Reception



Diary of Events

NON-PUPIL DAYS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023 – JULY 2024

Monday 4th September 2023 and Tuesday 5th September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 26th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

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General Reminders

Reporting Sickness Absence

It is very important that we are aware if your child is unwell. Please remember to report your child's absence on Studybugs. You can download the app to report your child unwell. If you are unable to use this facility, continue to telephone the school office on 01245 467973.

Attendance for the Year

Our target for the year is **97%**. It is important that your child is in school for registration. By being on time, the children will be ready for a prompt start to their learning. Children arriving after registration will be recorded as late. Those arriving after the late cutoff point will be given an unauthorised mark for the session even if they are in school, so it is important that your child is in school on time.

If you are removing your child from school for any reason other than absence due to illness an **'Application of Leave of Absence from School During Term Time'** form will need to be completed and sent to the office prior to the date of intended absence.



BFIS Nut Free School



Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. Please do not send your child to school with any items containing nuts in their packed lunch or if you are sending any other food into school. Items such as the one shown below contain nuts and should not be brought into school – thank you for your support.

BFIS Film

We are so pleased to share with you all our school's short film. Permission has been given by all parents/carers for this film to be shared for promoting the school and therefore, please feel free to share this link with family and friends. Please click on the below link to view on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wb7gvEmbSb8>

Follow us on Twitter?

If you have a Twitter account, why not follow our school... **@FarmBarnes**

This is a platform for the school to share news and successes. General communication with parents and carers regarding school arrangements will be through letters and regular newsletters home.

Safeguarding Children | **Are you concerned about a child?**

If you are worried about a child, make a written record of your concern. (Include the day, date, time, concern and your signature). You must share your concerns without delay.

Mrs J Farmer – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs P Webb – Designated Safeguarding Deputy | **Mrs K Robinson – Designated Safeguarding Deputy**



NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe



Our children at BFIS know that children know they have the right to:

- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it

They know that the following things are NOT OK!

- Hitting
- Hurting children's feelings
- Privates are private
- Not being looked after properly at home
- Bullying
- Hurting online

We pride ourselves on being a 'Telling School' and teach the children that to stay safe and happy, they must share any worries with a trusted grown-up. If ever your child has any worries, we are more than happy to help and give advice. Please contact your child's class teacher or a member of the Owlets Wellbeing team.



Barnes Farm Infant School Local Governing Body

Katie Corbett – Chair of Governors – Parent Governor

Matthew Musson – Vice Chair of Governors

Mrs Z. Farmer – Headteacher

Mrs K. Robinson – Assistant Headteacher and Staff Governor

Yvonne Spence – Community Governor

Geoff Walker – Community Governor

Tim Berrisford - Community Governor

